

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed May 26, 2005. Applicants elect to prosecute Claims 1-6, 10-16, 18-20, and 39 (Examiner's Group I) and Claim 9 (Examiner's Group III). Applicant has withdrawn Claims 7, 21-25, 27-34, 36-38, and 40-41 (Examiner's Group II) without prejudice or disclaimer. This election is made to expedite the issuance of a patent from this Application and does not reflect agreement or acquiescence to the Examiner's conclusions reflected in the Office Action.

The Examiner submits that Claim 18 links Inventions I and III. *Office Action*, p. 3. According to the Examiner, "the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claims depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim will be entitled to examination" upon the allowance of the linking claim. *Office Action*, p. 3. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 18 is allowable in its current form as discussed in the Response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2004. Because Applicants have shown Claim 18 to be allowable, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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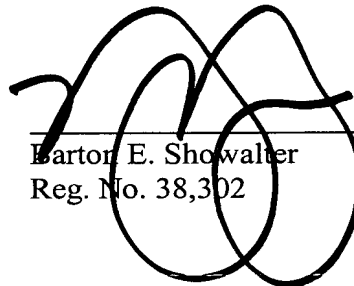
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants believe no fee is due. However, if this is not the case, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to advance prosecution of this application, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact its attorney, Barton E. Showalter, at (214) 953-6509.

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